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In short, a travesty for justice, the American consumer, and for much of the computer industry itself.

It's hard to imagine justice leveling a less punitive punishment for MS. This one makes the Supreme courts rubber stamping of the Florida election a minor transgression.

Ten years from now, this decision will echo in business text books as an egregious failure for the law, government and all business. Watching the Gates video deposition was like watching a 4 year old deny he had his hands in the cookie jar while it was caught on film and telltale fingerprints remained.

Just a law abiding tax payer almost stunned at what amounts to a wholesale reversal.

Shame on you.

I have no stake personally, professionally or otherwise in MS, but if ever there was an antitrust case that needed serious redress, this is/was the one that got away.

- John S